



Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



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TO: Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Mayor
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**SUBJECT: STONYVALE COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT (CSD)
(November 30, 2010, Item 74-D)**

On November 30, 2010 your Board approved a motion by Supervisor Antonovich directing the Department of Regional Planning (DRP) to prepare a draft CSD for the community of Stonyvale to address front yard setbacks; fence and wall heights; and equestrian-keeping.

The motion also directed DRP to work with Stonyvale community residents and surrounding community stakeholders; to coordinate with the County Departments of Public Health, Public Works, and Fire; and to report to your Board every 30 days on progress made. This is the sixth monthly report.

Since the last report on May 2, 2011, the tasks DRP has undertaken are summarized below:

1. Scheduled a June 15, 2011 public hearing before the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) to consider a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on the proposed Stonyvale CSD.
2. On May 4, 2011 published a Notice of Public Hearing in the Antelope Valley Press; mailed public hearing notices to all property owners within the proposed CSD, to all property owners within 1,000 feet of the boundary of the proposed CSD, and to other interested parties; and submitted all public hearing materials to the Acton Agua Dulce Library for public review.
3. On May 25, 2011 staff presented a brief overview of the history and intent of the proposed Stonyvale CSD to the RPC and sought its consideration of a field trip to the community of Stonyvale. A resident of the Stonyvale community was present

at the RPC meeting and offered to show the Commissioners a short video of the community before and after the 2009 Station Fire. The Commissioners agreed to view the video during their meeting and upon completion of their viewing felt a field trip would not be necessary.

4. Completed research into the question raised by Commissioners at the March 23, 2011 RPC meeting regarding emergency early warning systems for remote communities such as Stonyvale. While the Fire Department does not require such systems to be installed by developers of new projects or residents building single-family homes in remote areas, the County Office of Emergency Management has coordinated the implementation of an emergency mass notification system that is used to contact County residents and businesses via recorded phone messages, text messages or e-mail messages in case of emergency. This system, known as Alert LA County, utilizes telephone companies' 911 databases and is able to contact land-line telephone numbers, whether listed or unlisted. Alert LA County has the added capacity of allowing cell phone numbers, voice over IP phone numbers, and e-mail addresses to be registered for use in the system. Further information about Alert LA County can be found at the Office of Emergency Management website <http://lacoa.org/>.
5. Continued contact with the lead representatives from the County Departments of Public Health, Public Works, Fire, and the Sheriff; USFS; and the Stonyvale community.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or Mark Herwick of my staff at (213) 974-6470 or by email at mherwick@planning.lacounty.gov. Our office hours are 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. We are closed on Fridays.

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